

Word Bank of “No Excuse” Words for Writing

“No Excuse” words are those for which students are held accountable—students are expected to spell these words correctly in all of their everyday writing. The following words are taken from the list of core high-frequency words from the Rebecca Sitton Spelling Program. These are the groups of words which we hope each student will master by the end of his/her grade level. Spelling is both a developmental and highly individualized skill so not all classes or all children will have the same number of priority words at any given time.

First Grade “No Excuse” Words

the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	that
it	he	for
was	on	are
as	with	his
they	at	be

Second Grade “No Excuse” Words

the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	that
it	he	for
was	on	are
as	with	his
they	at	be
this	from	I
have	or	one
had	not	but
what	all	were
when	we	

Third Grade “No Excuse” Words

the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	that
it	he	for
was	on	are
as	with	his
they	at	be
this	from	I
have	or	one
had	not	but
what	all	were
when	we	there
can	an	your
which	their	said
if	do	will
each	about	how
up	out	them
then	she	many
some	so	these
would	other	

Fourth Grade “No Excuse” Words

the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	that
it	he	for
was	on	are
as	with	his
they	at	be
this	from	I
have	or	one
had	not	but
what	all	were
when	we	there
can	an	your
which	their	said
if	do	will
each	about	how
up	out	them
then	she	many
some	so	these
would	other	into
has	more	her
two	like	him
see	time	could
no	make	than
first	been	its
who	now	people
my	made	over
did	down	only
way	find	use
may	water	long
little	very	after
words	called	just
where	most	know

Fifth Grade “No Excuse” Words

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the	of	and
a	to	in
is	you	that
it	he	for
was	on	are
as	with	his
they	at	be
this	from	I
have	or	one
had	not	but
what	all	were
when	we	there
can	an	your
which	their	said
if	do	will
each	about	how
up	out	them
then	she	many
some	so	these
would	other	into
has	more	her
two	like	him
see	time	could
no	make	than
first	been	its
who	now	people
my	made	over
did	down	only
way	find	use
may	water	long
little	very	after
words	called	just
where	most	know

Fifth Grade “No Excuse” Words

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get	through	back
much	go	good
new	write	our
me	man	too
any	day	same
right	look	think
also	around	another
came	come	work
three	must	because
does	part	even
place	well	such
here	take	why
help	put	different
away	again	off
went	old	number
great	tell	men
say	small	